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IN RE APPLICATION OF :
KAZUSHI SATO, ET AL. : EXAMINER: HUNG, Y.
SERIAL NO: 10/733,255 :
FILED: DECEMBER 12, 2003 : GROUP ART UNIT: 2624
FOR: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR :
IMAGE PROCESSING AND APPARATUS
FOR CODING

COMMENTS ON EXAMINER'S STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313

SIR:

In response to the Notice of Allowance, dated April 8, 2008, Applicants submit the following comments on the Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

The reasons for allowance included on page 5 of the Notice of Allowance states that the prior art does not disclose, teach, or fairly suggest "at least first determining a change amount to the quantizing parameter based on image complexity (with the quantization scheme satisfying the periodic quantization requirement of H.26L), and then, based on the determined change amount and the code amount of the encoded image data, generating the quantizing parameter to use." Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance mischaracterizes the claims.

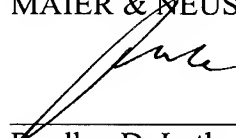
Independent Claims 1, 9, 11, 12, and 20 do not recite "with the quantization scheme satisfying the periodic quantization requirement of H.26L," as stated in the reasons for

allowance. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that the reasons for allowance should not apply to any of these claims, or claims dependent therefrom.

Accordingly, a corrected Statement of Reasons for Allowance is believed to be in order and is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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